

## **FCC REPORTS NETWORK NEWS 6:30 SEPTEMBER 1-15 / PART 1**

**09/01/2012**

### **YOSEMITE HANTAVIRUS LATEST**

**VO: 24**

Some 10,000 people who stayed in tent cabins at the world renowned Yosemite National Park, in the US state of California, this summer, may be at risk of contracting the deadly rodent-borne hantavirus, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Friday (August 31). The CDC urged lab testing of patients who exhibit symptoms consistent with the lung disease, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), after a stay at the California park between June and August and recommended that doctors notify state health departments when it is found. Two men have died of hantavirus infection linked to the Yosemite outbreak and four others were sickened but survived, while the CDC said additional suspected cases were being investigated from "multiple health jurisdictions."

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**09/02/2012**

### **CALIFORNIA GUN LAW**

**JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:00**

California - home to Silicon Valley, the permanent tan and, of course, the word "awesome" - has also penned some of the toughest gun possession laws in the United States. The state Assembly just went one notch further by banning the open display of rifles and shotguns in public. If Gov. Jerry Brown signs AB 1527, it would forbid the "open carrying" of firearms - including handguns, rifles and shotguns - except for current and former law enforcement, hunters, and those in the gun business. The law does not ban the display of unloaded rifles and shotguns while being transported, manufactured or sold. So the gun rack in your pickup can stay.

### **CHARTER SCHOOLS AFFECTS PRIVATE SECTOR**

**JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:00**

Parents are responsible for the education of their children. We do not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level. Maintaining American preeminence requires a world-class system of education, with high standards, in which all students can reach their potential. Today's education reform movement calls for accountability at every stage of schooling. It affirms higher expectations for all students and rejects the crippling bigotry of low expectations. It recognizes the wisdom of State and local control of our schools, and it wisely sees consumer rights in education - choice - as the most important driving force for renewing our schools.

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09/03/2012

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS BRAIN

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

Conservatives and liberals may have one less thing in common: neurology. Conservatives and liberals may have one less thing in common: neurology. 13 peer-reviewed studies of behavioral and neurological studies and come to the conclusion that differences between Republicans and Democrats are more than skin-deep. "Basically, the different sides have been yelling at each other for millennia, and we're trying to figure out what could be the root cause of this," said Steven Markoff, ProCon.org's founder. The studies looked at things like differences between groups' perception of eye movement, and aversion to threatening noises. Researchers also noted that Democrats had larger anterior cingulate cortexes, which are associated with tolerance to uncertainty, while Republicans had larger right amygdalas, which are associated with sensitivity to fear.

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## ARIZONA SB-1070

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A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Arizona authorities can enforce the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, which critics have dubbed the "show me your papers" provision. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton clears the way for police to carry out the 2010 law's requirement that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally. The requirement has been at the center of a two-year legal battle that culminated in a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June upholding the requirement. Opponents then asked Bolton to block the requirement, arguing that it would lead to systematic racial profiling and unreasonably long detentions of Latinos if it's enforced.

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## SB 1070

SALVADOR DURAN. PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG 2:00

More than two years after it was signed into law, the most contentious part of Arizona's landmark immigration legislation is expected to go into effect following a federal court ruling issue late Wednesday. But the U.S. Supreme Court laid a legal minefield that Arizona now must navigate when the critical provision takes effect. The clause, one of the few significant ones that the high court left standing in a June ruling, requires all Arizona police officers to check the immigration status of people they stop while enforcing other laws and suspect are in the country illegally. While preserving that requirement, however, the Supreme Court explicitly left the door open to arguments that the law leads to civil rights violations. Attorneys would need actual victims to make that case.

## WEST NILE VIRUS

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ. DALLAS, TEXAS

PKG 2:00

It's the worst year ever for West Nile virus in Texas, which has seen about half of the country's deaths from the illness this year, health officials said Wednesday. At least 43 people have died from the virus in Texas, and the state has recorded at least 510 cases of neuroinvasive West Nile, considered the most serious form of the illness because it affects the nervous system, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That's already worse than in all of 2003, when Texas had 439 neuroinvasive cases and 40 deaths. Officials say the numbers are expected to increase through mid-October. They say there are indications that August marked the peak, especially in the hard-hit North Texas area that includes Dallas and Fort Worth. But since symptoms can take two weeks to appear, reporting cases lags behind when people became infected.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

PABLO SANCHEZ. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

.S. employers added 96,000 jobs in August, a tepid figure that points to the economy's persistent weakness and slowing prospects for the unemployed. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent in July. But that was only because more people gave up looking for jobs. People out of work are counted as unemployed only if they're looking for a job. The sluggish job growth could slow the momentum President Barack Obama hoped to gain from his speech Thursday night to the Democratic National Convention. They could also make the Federal Reserve more likely to unveil a new bond-buying program at its meeting next week. The goal would be to lower long-term interest rates to encourage borrowing and spending. Hourly pay fell in August, manufacturers cut the most jobs in two years and the number of people in the work force dropped to its lowest level in 31 years. The government also said 41,000 fewer jobs were created in July and June than first estimated.

## YOSEMITE HANTAVIRUS

LEON FELIPE GONZALEZ. YOSEMITE, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Yosemite National Park doubled the scope of its hantavirus warning on Thursday to some 22,000 visitors who may have been exposed to the deadly mouse-borne disease as the number of confirmed cases grew to eight and a third death was reported. U.S. officials recently sounded a worldwide alert, saying that up to 10,000 people were thought to be at risk of contracting hantavirus pulmonary syndrome after staying at the popular Curry Village lodging area between June and August. As many as 2,500 of those individuals live outside the United States.

## **TEXAS: 85 MILES PER HOUR**

**VO :20**

Texas will soon open a stretch of highway with the highest speed limit in the country. The Texas Transportation Commission has approved the 85 mph speed limit for a 41-mile-long toll road near the increasingly crowded Interstate 35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio. The road runs several miles east of the interstate between two of the state's largest metropolitan areas. And while some drivers may be eager to put the pedal to the metal and rip through the Central Texas countryside, others are asking if it is safe.

## **MAMMOGRAMS DANGER**

**LILIANA ESCALANTE. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:00**

Mammograms aimed at finding breast cancer might actually raise the chances of developing it in young women whose genes put them at higher risk for the disease, a study by leading European cancer agencies suggests. The added radiation from mammograms and other types of tests with chest radiation might be especially harmful to them and an MRI is probably a safer method of screening women under 30 who are at high risk because of gene mutations, the authors conclude.

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**09/08/12**

## **IRS OFFERS TAX BENEFITS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 1:55**

If you're a recent high school graduate going to college for the first time or a returning student, the Internal Revenue Service has tips about education tax benefits that can help offset some college costs. The tips typically apply to students, their spouses or a dependent for whom parents claim an exemption on their tax returns. The benefits include: American Opportunity Credit This credit, originally created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is still available for 2012. The credit can be up to \$2,500 per eligible student and is available for the first four years of post-secondary education at an eligible institution. Forty percent of the credit is refundable, which means that students may be able to receive up to \$1,000 a person, even if they don't owe any taxes. Qualified expenses include tuition and fees, course-related books, supplies and equipment. Lifetime Learning Credit In 2012, students may be able to claim a Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$2,000 for qualified education expenses paid for students enrolled in eligible education institutions. There is no limit on the number of years eligible students can claim the Lifetime

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#### **VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FLIGHTS**

**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON DC**

**PKG 2:07**

The U.S. government is halting flights home for Mexicans caught entering the country illegally in the deadly summer heat of Arizona's deserts. It's a money-saving move, ending a seven-year experiment that cost American taxpayers nearly \$100 million. More than 125,000 people had been flown deep into Mexico for free since 2004. The flights became a key piece of Border Patrol enforcement in Arizona as the agency moved to end its revolving-door policy of taking migrants to the nearest border crossing.

#### **CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE**

**JORGE VIERA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**PKG 2:23**

Thousands of public school teachers formed picket lines in Chicago on Monday and parents scrambled for child care during teachers' first strike in a quarter century over reforms sought by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and endorsed by President Barack Obama's administration. Some 29,000 teachers and support staff in the nation's third-largest school system were involved, leaving parents of 350,000 students between kindergarten and high school age to find alternative supervision.

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## LIBRARY CARDS IMMIGRATION

VO :20

Illegal immigrants in California's largest city could use library cards to open bank accounts and access an array of city services under a plan being considered by city officials. Under the plan, anyone with proof of Los Angeles residency could get a library card, the Los Angeles Times reported ([lat.ms/P967MO](http://lat.ms/P967MO)). The idea is to provide a form of ID to those who cannot get a driver's license because of their immigration status.

## CHICAGO TEACHERS STIKE

JORGE VIERA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:29

As Chicago teachers walked the picket lines for a second day, they were joined by many of the very people who are most inconvenienced by their walkout: the parents who must now scramble to find a place for children to pass the time or for babysitters. Mothers and fathers -- some with their kids in tow -- are marching with the teachers. Other parents are honking their encouragement from cars or planting yard signs that announce their support in English and Spanish.

## ALABAMA IMMIGRATION

VO :27

Alabama's controversial immigration law goes back to a federal appeals court. In August, a three-judge panel blocked some provisions of the law, including language that makes it a crime for undocumented immigrants to solicit work. Alabama officials have appealed that ruling, asking the full 11th Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate the tough new law in full. The Obama Administration argues the law encroaches on federal authority. Alabama's Republican governor, Robert Bentley, calls it a matter of principal.

The Southern Poverty Law Center calls the law "illegal and immoral."

## US ATT IMMIGRATION KANSAS

VO :22

The owners of an Overland Park, Kansas hotel have been indicted on charges of knowingly hiring undocumented workers who were paid less than other employees.

Munir Ahmad Chaudary, 51, and his wife, Rhonda R. Bridge, 40, both of Overland Park, own the Clarion Hotel at 7000 W. 108th St. in Overland Park and the Clarion Hotel near the Kansas City International Airport. The couple has been charged with one count of conspiracy to harbor undocumented workers for personal gain, five counts of harboring undocumented workers for personal gain and four counts of wire fraud.

## DIABETES HISPANICS

VO :27

Latinos are more likely to store fat in the pancreas and are less able to compensate by excreting additional insulin, a Cedars-Sinai study shows. The research examining overweight, prediabetic patients, published online by *Diabetes Care*, is part of a focus by Cedars-Sinai's Heart Institute, Biomedical Imaging Research Institute and Diabetes and Obesity Research Institute, to identify biological measures that could help predict which patients are likely to develop type 2 diabetes.

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## CHICAGO TEACHER STRIKE

JORGE VIERA. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:00

Chicago teachers stayed away from public schools for a third day on Wednesday in a strike over Mayor Rahm Emanuel's demand for tough teacher evaluations that U.S. education reform advocates see as crucial to fixing urban schools. With more than 350,000 children out of school, the patience of parents and labor negotiators began to fray as hopes of a quick resolution to the biggest U.S. labor strike in a year were dashed. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, who is based in Chicago, appeared at the site where negotiations were supposed to take place on Wednesday and said that he had met with both sides separately to urge them to settle.

## VOTING LAWS UNSETTLED

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:00



Eight weeks before the presidential election, new laws passed by Republican legislatures that concern who can vote and when remain in the hands of federal and state judges. It estimated that new photo requirements potentially could turn away:

-170,000 to 475,000 young black voters.

-68,000 to 250,000 young Hispanic voters.

-13,000 to 46,000 young Asian-American voters.

17 states requiring photo ids are: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

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## **DEFERRED ACTION**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:00**

Why the hispanics are not enrolling in the Obama law that legalize undocumented immigrants who come to this country at early age? Vilchez interview students who fear that his parents would be deported if they provide information about their legal status. Only 30% of potential recipients enrolled in the program until this day.

## **BUDGET APPROVED**

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The house of representatives apporved the budget for the next six months, thsi is the biggest measure approved for the house before the elections. The GOP vice president candidate come back in time to vote for the budget.

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## **ONE IN FOUR HISPANICS REMAIN IN POVERTY**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:00**

The number of Hispanics in poverty in the United States dropped by 1.2 percent from 2010 to 2011 - the largest drop of any group - but overall 1 of 4 Latinos remain stuck among America's poorest. A Census Bureau report released Wednesday provides a mixed picture of the economic well-being of Latino U.S. households for 2011. With joblessness persistently high, the gap between rich and poor increased in the last year, according to two major census measures. Also, the median, or midpoint, household income was \$50,054, 1.5 percent lower than 2010 and a second straight decline.

## **CHICAGO TEACHER STRIKE CONTINUES**

**VO 0:20**

A week-long confrontation between Chicago public school teachers and Mayor Rahm Emanuel moved toward resolution on Friday as the two sides reached a tentative agreement that could end a five-day strike and clear the way for classes to resume on Monday in the third-largest U.S. school district. More than 350,000 Chicago students have been out of school since the beginning of the week after some 29,000 Chicago teachers and support staff walked off the job over Emanuel's education reforms.

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## **DEFERRED ACTION A MONTH LATER**

**ADRIANA RODRÍGUEZ, MIAMI**

**PKG 2:00**

The Obama administration announced in June that certain young illegal immigrants may apply to avoid being deported for two years and get work permits. The government started receiving applications last month. A balance is positive: administration said it has approved 29 applications of undocumented immigrants who applied. Another 1,600 applications are awaiting final review. The program closely tracks with the failed DREAM Act, a bill would have provided a path to legal status for many young illegal immigrants. The new policy does not provide legal status for the immigrants, but does protect them from deportation for two years.

## CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE CONTINUE

PAULA GOMEZ - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG: 1:48

The Chicago teachers union decided Sunday to continue its weeklong strike, extending an acrimonious standoff with Mayor Rahm Emanuel over teacher evaluations and job security provisions central to the debate over the future of public education across the United States. Emanuel said he would seek a court order to end the strike, which he said is illegal under state law.

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